

APPROVED COURSE OF STUDY BOOK LIST ABRIDGED

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June 2020

Bound for Glory: The Hard Driving, Truth-Telling Autobiography of American's Great Poet-Folk Singer, by Woody Guthrie, Pete Seeger (Forward)

The Collected Poems of William Wordsworth: (with an introduction by John Morley) by William Wordsworth

July 2020

A Patriot's Handbook: Songs, Poems, Stories and Speeches celebrating the Land we Love, by Caroline Kennedy
Emma Lazarus, Selected Poems: (American Poets Project #13) by Emma Lazarus, John Hollander (Editor)

August 2020

Wearing the Morning Star: Native American Song-Poems, by Brian Swann (Preface)

Emily Dickinson's Poems: As She Preserved Them by Emily Dickinson, Cristanne Miller (Editor)

September 2020

Our Jenny: A Story for Young People (1854) Alice Hawthorne, Septimius Winner (Considered Rare – Kessinger Publishing Legacy Reprint Series offer)

Oxford Student Texts: G(erard) M(anley) Hopkins: Selected Poems by Peter Feeney (Editor)

October 2020

Ernest L Thayer's Casey at the Bat: A Ballad of the Republic Sung in the Year 1888

Baseball's Greatest Hit: The Story of "take me out to the Ball Game" by Robert Thompson, Tim Wiles, Andy Strasberg

A Child's Garden of Verses by Robert Louis Stevenson (2020 Independently Published)

November 2020

George M Cohan: boy theatre genius, by Gertrude H Winders, Jim Cummins

Cecil Spring Rice: A Diplomat's Life by David H Burton also *Cecil Spring-Rice in Memoriam* by Sir Valentine Chirol (public domain)

December 2020

I heard the Bells on Christmas Day by Lloyd D Newell, Karmel H Newell and Dan Burr (Illustrator)

Best Poems of Henry W Longfellow: Featuring I heard the Bells on Christmas Day, Excelsior and More! By Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (2012 CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform)

Alfred Lord Tennyson: Selected Poems by Alfred Lord Tennyson, Penguin Classics, Christopher Ricks (Editor)

January 2021

Spoon River Anthology: Edgar Lee Masters by Edgar Lee Masters

Edgar Lee Masters: A Biography, by Herbert K Russell Ph.D. or *Beyond Spoon River: The Legacy of Edgar Lee Masters* by Ronald Primeau

February 2021

Say it With Music: The Story of Irving Berlin by Nancy Furstinger

Anne Bradstreet and Her Time by Helen Stuart Campbell (2018 Outlook Verlag) or

To My Husband and other Poems by Anne Bradstreet, Robert Hutchinson (Editor)

March 2021

The Melodic Tradition of Ireland by James R Cowdery (Kent State University Press)

Poems of James Russell Lowell: with Biographical Sketch by Nathan Haskell Dole or

James Russell Lowell and his Friends by Edward Everett Hale

April 2021

Tony Pastor, Father of Vaudeville by Armond Fields

Songs of Innocence and Songs of Experience by William Blake (Afterword) Peter Harness (Lector House 2019)

May 2021

Memoir of the Life of Henry Ware, Jr. by John Ware

The favorite verses of Edgar A Guest by Edgar A Guest or *Edgar A Guest* by Royce Howes (Foreword) John S Knight

June 2021

The Story of Dr Dolittle by Hugh Lofting

Amy Lowell: Selected Poems by Amy Lowell, American Poets Project #12

July 2021

Music from the New York Stage 1980-1920 Vol 2: 1908-1913 by various artists, CD (1993 Pearl Flapper)

The Complete Poems of Carl Sandburg: Revised and Expanded Edition by Carl Sandburg or *Carl Sandburg: A Biography* by Milton Meltzer

August 2021

King of Ragtime: Scott Joplin and his Era by Edward A Berlin or *Scott Joplin: King of Ragtime* by Mary Ann Hoffman

The collected works of William Butler Yeats, Vol III Autobiographies by Douglas Archibald (Editor) William O'Donnell (Editor) and W B Yeats

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[A Year in Verse](#) and [Together We Sing](#). These are suggested texts in order to plan a program year and enjoy exploring new music, composers, and authors, with your membership and guests. Since there are so many outstanding music themed books available, if you wish to highlight other texts not listed here during your club year, just ask me!

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